Reinstatement of certain teachers in the Azhikode South Higher Elementary School, North Malabar.

* 429 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officer, North Malabar, issued orders to the management of the Azhikode South Higher Elementary School, Azhikode, North Malabar, to reinstate three teachers who were suspended some months ago; and

(b) if so, whether the management have carried out the orders of the District Educational Officer?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No, Sir."

Harijan contractors in the Public Works Department.

* 430 Q.—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applicants among the Scheduled Castes for registration as contractors in the Public Works Department;

(b) the number of persons registered; and

(c) the number of Harijan contractors now and the value of contracts given to them?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-one.

" (b) Twenty.

" (c) Nineteen. The total value of the contracts given to them for the past three years ending with 1953–54 was Rs. 1,47,084."

Grievances of the Madras China Bazaar platform merchants.

* 431 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been made to the Government recently by the Madras China Bazaar Platform Merchants' Association, Madras, alleging police excesses, increase in tax, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Quarters for the Resident Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 432 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why the Government have not provided residential quarters for the Resident Medical Officer of the Government Hospital, Kozhikode?